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SUBJ: SHAIKH ZAYID'S PRESS INTERVIEW: THE APPLAUSE CONTINUES

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1. ALTHOUGH WE FOUND SHAIKH ZAYID'S INTERVIEW WITH CHICAGO TRIBUNE EDITORS (REFTEL) UNREMARKABLE, THIS HAS NOT BEEN VIEW OF UAE MEDIA. LOCAL PRESS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS CARRIED STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF ARAB AND FOREIGN NEWS SERVICES AND PAPERS WHICH HAD CARRIED ZAYID'S REMARKS OF EDITORIALIZED ON THEM.

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2. LATEST DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PUBLICATION MAY 28 AND 29 IN UAE IRESS OF REPORT THAT ZAYID'S REMARKS HAVE ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WITHIN USG. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SAID TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED TO OBTAIN FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW AND TO BE "CLOSELY ANALYZING" ZAYID'S VIEWS RE UNSC RES 242, PALESTINIAN HOMLAND, POLITICAL USE OF OIL, AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION. ARTICLE INDICATE THAT THIS REIORT INITIALLY APPEARED IN PARIS-BASED

ARABIC MAGAZINE AL-MUSTAQBAL WHICH IN TURN RECEIVED IT FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON.

3. ONE PAPER ALSO QUOTES A LONDON-BASED ARABIC PUBLICATION AL-MANAR TO EFFECT THAT DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN UK RECOGNIZE SHAIKH ZAYID AS "ONE OF THOSE MOST PERCEPTIVE OF FUTURE OF MIDEAST" AND IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE ABLE TO DISCUSS PALESTINE QUESTION. SAME UNIDENTIFIED "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" SAID TO BE URGING THAT SHAIKH ZAYID TOUR US TO GIVE SPEECHES ABOUT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ALONG LINES OF HIS REMARKS TO AMERICAN PRESS.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PALACE PRESS OFFICER, AL-MUSTAQBAL CORRESPONDENT ACTUALLY FILED HIS "REPORT" FROM ABU DHABI, NOT WASHINGTON. SAME OFFICER TOLD US THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUWAIDI IS ANNOYED BY THIS PRESS CAMPAIGN AND HAS COMPLAINED OF IT TO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER LATTER HAS ACTUALLY BEEN OFFICIALLY ENCOURAGING PRESS TO PLAY UP ZAYID'S REMARKS OR WHETHER STMCIES REPRESENT MERELY THE SYCOPANCY OF JOURNALISTS DEPENDENT UPON--OR HOPEFULL OF--UAEG SUBSIDIES.
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